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SUBJECT: SYRIA TITLE I PL 480 -- WHEAT AND RICE

REF: (A) BEIRUT 1832; (B) STATE 25606; (C) BEIRUT 1642;

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(D) DAMASCUS 664

1. RE PARA 2 REF A, USDA/W HAS COPY OF TAFCO RICE TENDER

NO. 196/SR/1025. AS STATED PARA 2 REF B, THIS TENDER MUST BE WITHDRAWN. AMENDMENT NOT FEASIBLE AS TENDER NEEDS EXTENSIVE REVISION. U.S. SUPPLIERS UNABLE TO BID WITHIN TENDER AS WRITTEN. NEW RICE TENDER SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE FLOATED UNTIL AFTER RICE PA HAS BEEN ISSUED AND TENDER APPROVED BY USDA/W.

2. RE PARAS 3 AND 5 REF C, SYRIA CAN RPT CAN PURCHASE U.S. NO. 1 RICE AS PA WILL PROVIDE FOR QUOTE U.S. NO. 5 OR BETTER, MAXIMUM 20 PERCENT BROKENS UNQUOTE. HOWEVER, U.S. NO. 1 RICE IS MORE EXPENSIVE AND TOTAL QUANTITY RICE WHICH COULD BE PURCHASED UNDER TITLE I WOULD THEREBY BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE 25,000 MT IN THE AGREEMENT. NORMALLY NO. 1 RICE IS NOT TRADED SINCE THIS IS SUPREME GRADE. GENERALLY, TRADING IS AT NO. 2 OR BELOW.

3. RE PARA 2 REF C, BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT SARG OFFICIALS CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT USDA PRICE APPROVAL PROCEDURE WHICH TAKES PLACE AFTER BIDS ARE AWARDED MAY AT TIMES RESULT IN SALES BEING DISAPPROVED FOR TITLE I FINANCING, IF SUPPLIERS' PRICES FOUND NOT TO BE WITHIN THE QUOTE PREVAILING RANGE OF EXPORT MARKET PRICES UNQUOTE AS DETERMINED BY USDA. (SEC. 17.7 OF TITLE I REGULATIONS AND GENERAL MODIFICATION NO. 1 DATED MAY 30, 1974.) A SALE MAY ALSO BE DISAPPROVED FOR OTHER REASONS, I.E., NOT CONFORMING TO PROVISIONS OF THE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATIONS.

4. ASSURE SARG OFFICIALS THAT 90-DAY REQUIREMENT PRESENTS NO PROBLEM SINCE SARG REQUESTED PA ISSUANCE PRIOR TO EXPIRATION 90-DAY PERIOD. KISSINGER

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